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In re Patent Application of: Jean-Claude Thienard

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For: CONNECTOR FOR CONNECTING AN ARM IN THE FORM OF A SEGMENT OF A

> PROFILED ELEMENT, TO AN ARTICULATED STRUCTURE OF A WINDSCREEN WIPER BLADE

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